

GEAR UP Muskegon serves 205 students who originated from Steele Middle School in 2001. These groups of students are now Juniors at Muskegon High School. GEAR UP 2007 program staff works with students and school staff to helping each student graduate from high school and go on to college, technical, or vocational school. Students receive services in academic counseling, educational, development planning, after school tutoring, career and college preparation assistance, mentoring, college visits and financial aid workshops. Part of the program's success is the partnership it has with various community businesses.

- Consumer's Energy
- Muskegon Public Schools
- Muskegon Community College
- Grand Valley State University
- Baker College

Activities and Service:

- **HOME WORK HELP:** Links GEAR UP students to help available after school promoting positive study skills and improving test-taking skills.
- **CAMPUS VISITS:** GEAR UP sponsors college visits and summer career workshops to give students the opportunity to experience university life.
- **COUNSELING:** GEAR UP staff meets with students on a regular basis to monitor grades, attendance and work with school staff to ensure student success.
- **PARENT INVOLVEMENT:** GEAR UP works with parents to keep them informed and support them with questions concerns and educate them on post-secondary education opportunities and financial aid.
- **COLLEGE PREPARATION AND FINANCIAL AID:** As high school graduation approaches, every GEAR UP student and family learns about college admission requirements and the available types of financial aid. The GEAR UP program sponsors and supports the College Goal Sunday activity.
- **SCHOLARSHIPS:** Every GEAR UP student has the opportunity to earn a scholarship to any Michigan College.

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